

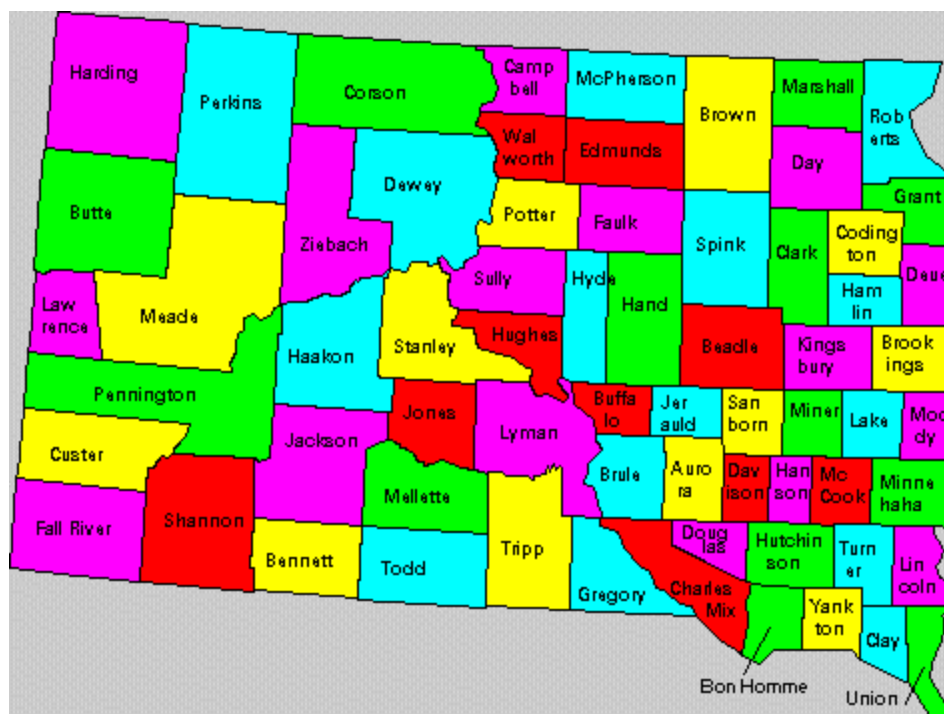
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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South Dakota

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population: 733,133 (1999 estimate); 696,004 (1990 Census)
- Race/Ethnicity: 91.6% white; 0.5% African American; 7.3% American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut; 0.4% Asian/Pacific Islander; 0.2% other race; 0.8% Hispanic origin

Politics²

- Governor: William Janklow
- Lt. Governor: Carole Hillard
- Attorney General: Mark Barnett
- Secretary of State: Joyce Hazeltine
- U.S. Senate: Thomas Daschle (D); Tim Johnson (D)
- U.S. Representatives: John R. Thune

Programs/Initiatives

- Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)³
Designated in 1996, this HIDTA is responsible for 6 states. There are 14 counties within South Dakota that are included in this HIDTA.
- Executive Office of Weed and Seed⁴
 - Enemy Swim/Waubay: This site is the first Weed and Seed site being a joint application between tribal and non-tribal entities. The Target Area for this site includes the town of Waubay, the housing community of Enemy Swim (located nine miles north of Waubay), and the surrounding rural area. Juvenile crime in these areas has increased in recent years and is usually connected to the abuse of alcohol and/or narcotics.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- In 1998 there were 1,866 arrests for drug abuse violations in South Dakota.⁵

Arrests in South Dakota, 1998

Offense	Juveniles	Total
Murder/Non-negligent Manslaughter	1	3
Forcible Rape	10	56
Robbery	17	55
Aggravated Assault	74	401
Burglary	233	573
Larceny-theft	1,340	2,817
Motor Vehicle Theft	70	148
Drug Abuse Violations	340	1,866
Driving Under the Influence	120	4,072
Liquor Law Violations	2,056	6,573

Drugs

- South Dakota's location in the mid-western part of the United States provides a fertile environment for the production and distribution of methamphetamine. The methamphetamine that is not produced locally is often imported by Mexican organizations.⁶

Juveniles

- A 1997 survey of South Dakota high school students indicated that 35.3% of them had tried marijuana at least once in their lifetime.⁷

Percent of High School Students Using Selected Drugs, S.D., 1997

Drug Use and Type	Female	Male	Total
Lifetime Marijuana Use (1)	34.2	36.4	35.3
Current Marijuana Use (2)	17.9	21.9	19.9
Lifetime Cocaine Use	8.5	9.5	9.0
Current Cocaine Use	3.1	5.6	4.3
Lifetime "Crack" or "Free-base" Use	6.3	6.5	6.4
Lifetime Illegal Steroid Use	2.5	4.5	3.5
Lifetime Injected Illegal Drug Use (3)	2.0	4.2	3.1
Lifetime Use of Other Illegal Drugs (4)	13.6	16.1	14.8
Lifetime Use of Inhalants	18.6	17.1	17.8

1. Lifetime Use = ever tried drug in life
2. Current Use = used drug one or more times in last 30 days before survey
3. Used a needle to inject drug(s)
4. Other Drugs include LSD, PCP, MDMA, heroin, methamphetamine, and mushrooms

Trafficking and Seizures

- In 1998 there was a total of 54,960,955 marijuana plants eradicated and seized as a result of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.⁸

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, S.D., 1998

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>			<u>Indoor Operations</u>	
	Cultivated			
Plots Eradicated	Plants Eradicated	Ditchweed Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated
244	371	54,960,544	2	40

Enforcement

- HIDTA Initiatives in South Dakota⁹
 - South Dakota Statewide Drug Task Force: This Task Force coordinates methamphetamine efforts throughout the State through increased investigations, providing officer training and an intelligence analyst to increase the number of investigations and prosecutions related to methamphetamine.

- Sioux Falls Meth Task Force: This co-located State and local Task Force, with participation from several other local, State, or Federal agencies, targets methamphetamine manufacturing, importation, and distribution organizations operating in Sioux Falls and other parts of South Dakota.
- Pennington County Meth Task Force: This Task Force is similar to the Sioux Falls Task Force except this Task Force focuses its efforts on Pennington County.
- As of October 31, 1998, there were 1,762 full-time law enforcement employees in South Dakota.¹⁰
- At this same time, there were 236 full-time State Highway Patrol employees.¹¹

Courts

- During FY98, 17.1% of those convicted of a Federal offense in South Dakota had committed a drug offense. The most prevalent drug involved was marijuana (42.3%), followed by methamphetamine (37.2%), powder cocaine (8.4%), crack cocaine (6.7%), and other drugs (5.0%).¹²
- 74.1% of those convicted of a trafficking offense received a prison sentence.
- Drug Court Program Office¹³
There is currently one drug court in South Dakota. This drug court is a Tribal court and is located in Agency Village/Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux. This is a juvenile and adult court. In addition to this, there are five other drug courts being planned. Each of these is a Tribal court.

Corrections

- On June 30, 1999 there were 2,517 prisoners under the jurisdiction of State or Federal correctional authorities in South Dakota.¹⁴
- From June 30, 1998 to June 30, 1999, there was a 6.7% increase in prison population.¹⁵
- South Dakota Adult Corrections System:¹⁶
 - South Dakota State Penitentiary: Sioux Falls
 - Jameson Annex: Sioux Falls; This secure unit is adjacent to the main building of the South Dakota State Penitentiary.
 - Mike Durfee State Prison: Springfield; This facility houses male inmates who have been selected from the State Penitentiary once they reach a medium security status and have a good discipline record.
 - Solem Public Safety Center/South Dakota Woman's Prison: Pierre; This facility has a capacity of 182 female inmates within all levels of security.
 - Yankton Trusty Unit: Yankton; This is a minimum-security male facility under the direction of the Springfield State Prison.
 - Redfield Trust Unit: Redfield; This unit is under the direct supervision of the South Dakota State Penitentiary.
 - Pheasantland Industries: The mission of Pheasantland Industries is to provide work and training for inmates in an effort to prepare them for their return to society.
- As of April 20, 2000, there were 1,047 parolees under supervision in South Dakota.¹⁷
- At the end of 1998 (December 31, 1998), there were 3,480 adults on probation in South Dakota.¹⁸

Treatment¹⁹

- During FY99 a total of 16,287 clients received treatment services through 53 accredited treatment facilities throughout South Dakota.
- From FY98 to FY99 there was a 13.5% increase in the amount of clients receiving treatment services in South Dakota.
- During FY99, 70.4% of the treatment admissions were males.
- Of the 11,469 males and 4,818 females receiving services, 72.1% of the males and 66.8% of the females were European American. Native Americans made up 23.0% of males and 29.7% of females receiving treatment services.
- The largest group of admissions for alcohol and drug treatment services was among youths less than 18 years old. They accounted for 24% of admissions.
- 38% of the total clients identified as IV drug users reported using methamphetamine.

¹ U.S. Census Bureau Web site: <http://www.census.gov>

² South Dakota Web site: <http://www.state.sd.us>

³ HIDTA Web site: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/enforce/hidta/midw-fs.html>

⁴ Weed and Seed Web site: <http://www.weedseed.org>

⁵ FBI, *Crime in the United States: Uniform Crime Reports, 1998*, October 1999: <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr>

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⁷ MMWR, *Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance-United States, 1997*, August 1998:

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¹¹ Ibid.

¹² U.S. Sentencing Commission, : <http://www.ussc.gov/judpack/1998/sd98.pdf>

¹³ OJP Drug Court Clearinghouse and Technical Assistance Project, *Summary of Drug Court Activity by State and County*, March 31, 2000

¹⁴ Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 1999*, April 2000:
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/pjim99.pdf>

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ South Dakota Adult Corrections System Web site: <http://www.state.sd.us/corrections/adult.htm>

¹⁷ South Dakota Parole Web site: <http://www.state.sd.us/corrections/PAROLE.HTM>

¹⁸ Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Probation and Parole in the United States, 1998*, August 1999:

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